GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMS WORLD WEEK OF PEACE

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed a World Week of Peace to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. The week is to begin on 24 October 1995. The Assembly took this decision by adopting without a vote its resolution A/49/244 of 12 July 1995. The resolution was submitted by Costa Rica on behalf of sixty-one States Members of the United Nations: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Boliva, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

The General Assembly,

Cognizant of the fact that the promotion of peace and the prevention of war are among the primary goals of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations states that the peoples of the United Nations are determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Recalling that the United Nations was established to prevent war and seek peace through peaceful means and through negotiation, as well as to promote international cooperation,

Recalling also its resolution 47/120 A of 18 December 1992, in which it welcomed the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111), stressing the importance of preventive diplomacy and peace-keeping operations,

Recalling that 1995 has been proclaimed the United Nations Year for Tolerance (See resolution 48/126),

Recognizing the important role that Disarmament Week, which will be observed concurrently with the World Week of Peace, is playing in promoting international peace and security,

Recognizing also that the United Nations is universal in nature and is the only instrument for global interdependence and cooperation that has the moral authority and the influence to promote and maintain world peace,

Recognizing further the importance of promoting the culture of peace,

Concerned that recent conflicts between States have brought with them deplorable ethnic strife, destruction and displacement of individuals and communities,

Deeply concerned at the large proportion of civilians, especially women and children, who have been injured or killed during the armed conflicts that have increased in recent years,

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Recognizing that civil society organizations are now playing a more important role in promoting tolerance and understanding,

Convinced that a short period of peace resulting from a cease-fire or a truce can offer opportunities for building a just and lasting peace,

Noting with satisfaction the valuable initiative taken by the United Nations Children's Fund to facilitate "days of tranquillity" and "corridors of peace", which have been used to provide humanitarian relief, such as immunization, health care, food and clothing, to children trapped by armed conflicts,

1. Decides to proclaim the World Week of Peace, beginning on 24 October 1995, in solemn commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

2. Approves the Proclamation of the World Week of Peace, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

3. Invites all Member States to begin this task of cooperation with their own citizens and with civil society organizations, so as to give maximum publicity and assistance to the launching of the proclamation of a universal week of truce or cease-fire during the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the broadest possible dissemination of this resolution through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

Annex

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORLD WEEK OF PEACE

Whereas the General Assembly has decided unanimously to proclaim the World Week of Peace in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Whereas the promotion of peace and the prevention of war are among the primary goals of the United Nations,

Whereas, in welcoming "An Agenda for Peace", the United Nations has rededicated itself to the effort to establish a universal peace according to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, signed at San Francisco,

Whereas, in increasing the size and scope of its peace-keeping operations, the United Nations has demonstrated its commitment to the task of peace-keeping and peacemaking,

Whereas the World Week of Peace offers a special opportunity for Governments, civil society organizations, local communities and individuals to take part in new initiatives for the commendable goal of conflict resolution, cease-fires and truces, and for a period of universal peace that could be used for the humanitarian relief that has become so critically necessary,

Accordingly,

The General Assembly

Solemnly proclaims the World Week of Peace, beginning on 24 October 1995, to coincide with the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

A COALITION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN FORMED IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD WEEK OF PEACE FOLLOWING ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF RESOLUTION 49/244. THE COALITION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING NGOs*

- Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional
- Albert Schweitzer Institute for the Humanities
- American Council on Consumer Interests
- Association for Women in Psychology
- Association for World Education
- Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Inc.
- Association of World Citizens
- Association Montessori International
- Campaign for the Earth Foundation
- Communications Coordinating Committee
- Economists Allied for Arms Reduction
- 8th Day Center for Justice
- Experiment in International Living
- Federation of American-Arab Organizations
- Franciscans International
- Fusen Heishi no Kai
- Global Education Associates
- Global Education Motivators, Inc.
- Global Futures Network
- Gray Panthers
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
- International Association for Religious Freedom
- International Association for Volunteer Effort
- International Association of Educators for World Peace
- International Association of Lions Clubs
- International Chamber of Commerce
- International Council of Jewish Women
- International Council of Psychologists
- International Council on Social Welfare
- International Federation of Social Workers
- International Federation of University Women
- International Federation on Ageing
- International Mahavir Jain Mission
- International Society for General Semantics
- Jane Addams Conference
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA, National Ladies Auxiliary
- The Links, Inc.
- Loretto Community
- Lutheran World Federation
- Medical Action for Global Security
- Muslim World League
- National Council of Catholic Women
- National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
- National Council on Islamic Affairs
- NGO Committee on Disarmament
- NGO Committee on the University for Peace
- OXFAM America
- Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association
- Pathways to Peace
- Pax Christi International
- Peace Action
- Peace Links
- The Ribbon International
- Rissho Kosei-Kai
- Rotary International
- Salvation Army
- School Sisters of Notre Dame
- Society for the Phychological Study of Social Issues
- Soroptimist International
- Sri Chinmoy Centre
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Temple of Understanding
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Methodist Church - GBGM
- United Nations Association of the U.K.
- United Nations Association of the United States of America
- Veterans for Peace
- Wainwright House
- Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children
- Women's International Democratic Federation
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- Women's International Zionist Organization
- Women's Missionary Society
- Won Buddhism
- World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations
- World Conference of Mayors
- World Conference on Religion and Peace
- World Federation of Methodist Women
- World Federation of Trade Unions
- World Federation of United Nations Associations
- World Goodwill
- World Information Transfer
- World League for Freedom and Democracy
- World Organization for Early Childhood Education
- World Peace Prayer Society
- Zonta International

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